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In re Patent Application of

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS OF DIAGNOSING  
DETERIORATION OF AN ARTICLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination thereof, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

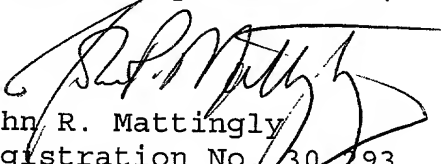
Please rewrite claim 4 as set forth below.

4. (Amended) A diagnostic system according to claim 1, wherein said variation of polarized light is depolarization degree of polarized light.

REMARKS

Claim 4 has been amended to remove a multiple dependency.  
Examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**MARKED UP VERSION OF REWRITTEN CLAIM**

4. (Amended) A diagnostic system according to [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 3], wherein said variation of polarized light is depolarization degree of polarized light.